



31/F
CD

Patent
Attorney's Docket No. 024705-083

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:)
Yoshihide HAYASHIZAKI) Group Art Unit: 1655
Application No.: 09/269,573) Examiner: B. Forman
Filed: July 16, 1999) Confirmation No.: 1269
For: METHODS FOR DETECTING)
MUTATION IN BASE SEQUENCE)

RECEIVED

JAN 02 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

REPLY & AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in complete response to the Official Action dated August 28, 2002 (Paper No. 27). A one-month extension of time has been requested and the corresponding fee paid extending the time period of response until December 30, 2002 (December 28 and 29, 2002 were a Saturday and a Sunday, respectively).

Please amend the above-cited application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 21, 22 and 25 without prejudice or disclaimer thereto.

Please replace claims 1, 6 and 9 as follows:

1. (Four times Amended) A method for detecting nucleic acid fragment and/or PNA having a mutation, comprising the steps of:
- (A) hybridizing at least one full length cDNA fixed on a substrate, selected from the group consisting of one or more nucleic acid fragments and one or more